

LOWER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 30th June 2020.
Due to the COVID-19 virus the meeting was held via Zoom software.**

Present: Cllr Allen (Chairman), Cllr Ward, Cllr Peckham, Cllr Mercer, Cllr Hough, Cllr Dawson,

Also present: Peter Knox (Clerk), Cllr Kitchen Cllr Bradnum and two members of the public.

The Chairman began the meeting at 19:30 hours.

092/20 Apologies for absence: - Cllr Lillywhite, Cllr Lloyd

093/20 Approval of the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 26th May 2020.

The minutes were approved.

094/20 Approval of the minutes from the Parish Council Planning Meeting held on 9th June 2020.

The minutes were approved.

095/20 Declaration of interests from members in respect to any items on the agenda.

There were no declarations.

096/ 20 Co-option of vacant Parish Councillor position.

There was one application for co-option onto the Parish Council (PC) that of Mrs Leslie Bamford.

Cllr Mercer proposed Mrs Bamford which was seconded by Cllr Ward.

The PC unanimously approved the co-option.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Bamford back onto the Parish Council.

097/20 Report from District Councillor– Cllr Bradnum

Cllr Bradnum reported the following: -

- The timetable of the Horsham District Neighbourhood Plan consultation is likely to slip due to the COVID-19 virus up to twelve months. Although central government have advised all councils that there cannot be any delays to their plans.
- The No 89 bus that travels between Haywards Heath and Horsham, via the Lower Beeding Parish, has been severely reduced due West Sussex County Council cutting £300,000 from its bus route subsidy after facing 'unprecedented financial challenges'. Cllr Peckham pointed out that many residents depend on this service as it goes to both hospitals at both termini. Cllr Bradnum said she will follow this up in future. The Chairman asked for this issue to be included in next month's PC meeting so the council can review the options.
- HDC are encouraging residents to use cycles with more funding for cycle paths in the district.
- Covid-19 has led to a severe budget cut of up to £850k per month.

098/20 Report from County Councillor – Cllr Kitchen

Cllr Kitchen reported the following: -

- Financial implications of the corona virus are affecting business throughout West Sussex with WSCC freezing many of the business rates throughout the county the largest being Gatwick airport.

099/20 Public Adjournment

Roger Warwick (RW) gave an update on the re-starting of the Community Speed Watch (CSW).

- He reported that Cllr Peckham had passed the test and is now a member of the CSW team.
- There have been four CSW sessions at differing times since the team had resumed. With 1,800 vehicles being monitored with 190 transgressors, which is approximately 10% of the observed vehicles. The top speed recorded was 57 mph.
- RW has now had the school speeding posters printed and will post them throughout the Parish.
- RW informed the PC that Sussex Police have reduced the speed warning letters from three to two before prosecution of the driver.
- The volume of traffic has vastly increased since the lifting of lockdown especially with visitors to Leonardslee Gardens. This raises the justification for a crossing in Lower Beeding village.
- A discussion ensued regarding the vehicle accident that took place on 28th June.

100/20 Parish maintenance update – The Clerk

The Clerk reported the following: -

- There had been two clearances of over growing bushes and hedgerows which had been checked for nesting birds before trimming.

101/20 Neighbourhood Plan (NP) update – The Clerk / Cllr Bamford

- Cllr Bamford gave an update on the current status of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP).
- The final plan will be submitted to HDC Planning Department next week and all documents will be uploaded onto the LB website.

102/20 Other matters arising which are not covered elsewhere on the agenda – The Clerk

The Clerk reported the following: -

- He was still pursuing the Parish Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) for a meeting to highlight some of the main issues that concern Parishioners. He will update the PC once a date is agreed for a meeting.
- The Corona virus volunteer hub was still in operation. Mainly providing a prescription pick up service for the elderly and shielded parishioners.
- A discussion ensued on the location for the LBPC AGM due to take place in July. The Chairman suggested the church would be a suitable venue to hold the meeting and maintain social distancing. Cllr Peckham said he would inform the PC of its availability.
- Cllr Mercer had suggested that not only landowner's but all interested residents should be informed of significant traveller and crime issues in the District. The Clerk informed the PC that there were some landowners informed of major movements and rural crimes. If person's contact e-mails were sent to the Clerk he will include them on the distribution group.

103/20 Chairman's announcements

- The Chairman informed the PC that Cllr Lloyd will stand as Vice-Chairman in the forthcoming AGM election.

104/20 Planning Applications:

Cllr Mercer reported that HDC Enforcement team had been informed about possible transgressions at Stonehouse Farm East estate. The Clerk will follow up with any update from HDC Enforcement. Cllr Mercer further informed the PC that there were further possible breaches in the west site, the new Diary Parlour. He will monitor the situation and keep the PC updated.

DC/20/1074 The Forge Brighton Road. Crabtree.

Surgery to 1 x Bay Tree (Works to Trees in a Conservation Area)

There was No Objection to this application from the Parish Council.

DC/20/0760 Spinningwood Farm, Burnthouse Lane, Lower Beeding

Alteration of existing vehicular access on to Burnthouse Lane.

There was No Objection to this application from the Parish Council providing that the damage to the hedgerow is kept to a minimum.

DC/20/1160 Hammer Cottage, Hammerpond Road, Plummers Plain

Erection of a single storey rear extension and construction of a first-floor balcony.

There was No Objection to this application from the Parish Council.

There were also two appeals from Mr Gordon Treager.

The Clerk reported that the appeals were for information only at this point.

DC/19/1846 Prongers Orchard Land To The South of Village Hall Leechpond Road Lower Beeding RH13 6NR

Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of 12 dwellings of 100% affordable housing, including the creation of a community playing field, public amenity area and areas of wildlife habitat creation.

DC/19/1847 Land Adjacent To The Crabtree Inn Brighton Road Lower Beeding Horsham RH13 6PT

Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of 8 dwellings, including the creation of allocated parking and visitor spaces, access and associated landscaping with areas of wildlife habitat creation.

105/20 Accounts status as at end of June 2020

Date	Accounts – June 2020	AMOUNT £
Balance at 26th May2020		
	Business Account - Balance	£10,225.64
	Treasurers Account - Balance	£31,590.78
	Treasurers Account	
27-May	Clerks Expenses - Zoom monthly subscription	£14.39
27-May	Clerks Salary - May	£1,033.20
27-May	DowsettMayhew NP advice for submission to HDC	£1,632.00
10-Jun	Hedge cutting - J Brown	£27.00
15-Jun	MAS Networks	£128.39
16-Jun	HDC Community Volunteer Hubs Appeal (CREDIT)	£9.62
	TOTAL	£2,825.36

	Business Account	
09-Jun	Interest	£0.41

Balances at 30th June 2020

	Business Account - Balance	£10,226.05
	Treasurers Account - Balance	£28,765.42

The annual accounts for 2019/20 had been sent to the PC after review approval by the Chairman. The accounts were approved and seconded.

106/20 Finance outstanding payments

Date	Outstanding Payments	
	Clerks Salary c.£1050	£1,050.00
	Clerks Expenses - Zoom monthly subs + Ink Cartridges	£54.25
	MAS Networks - repair Clerks laptop	£108.00
	HMRC - PAYE / NI Q1 payment	£387.90
	TOTAL	£1,600.15

Date of the next meetings:

107/20 Planning Meeting – Tuesday 14th July 2020 via Zoom if restrictions are not lifted.

(Please note these planning meetings will only take place if there are planning applications to discuss)

108/20 Next Parish Council Meeting and AGM – Tuesday 28th July 2020 in the Parish Room, Plummers Plain at 7:30pm.

Due to the COVID-19 virus all public meetings were suspended following government advice therefore the above meeting may take place via Zoom software.

The meeting closed at 21:25 hours

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